

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 1, after the title:

This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/US2004/007122, filed March 9, 2004, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on October 20, 2005 in English.

Page 19, line 23, after "on which" insert -- the encrypted data is transmitted. --

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application.

1. (New) A method for communicating a program signal, comprising the steps of:

encrypting the program signal using encryption information to produce an encrypted program signal;

dividing the encryption information into a plurality of encryption information portions;

communicating the encrypted program signal via a first communications channel; and

communicating the plurality of encryption information portions via a second communications channel that is independent of the first communications channel.

2. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of communicating the plurality of encryption information portions comprises